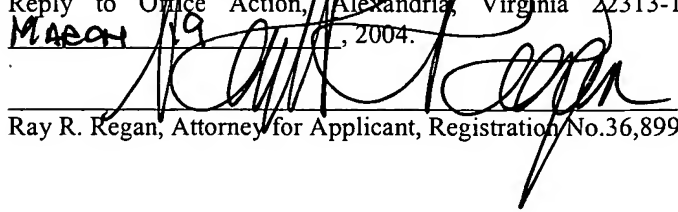


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### **Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, having a statutory period for response of six months as provided in 35 U.S.C. §133 reduced by the Commissioner to three months as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.136, a time set to expire May 23, 2004, please enter this Reply in connection with the above-captioned patent application ("Application").

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with this paper, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 501565 for the Law Office of Ray R. Regan, P.A.

No new matter has been added to the application because of any action taken in this Reply.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 3 of this paper and include replacement sheets attached following page 15 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments of the Applicant begin on page 4 of this paper.

### **Amendments to the Drawing**

The attached sheets (see Exhibit A) of the drawing include changes to Figures 2 and 4.

The sheets are formal drawing figures that replace the original sheets.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets